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REMARKS

Further to the Office Action from the United States Patent and Trademark Office of October 18, 2004, Applicants have resubmitted the Claim Amendments as submitted with the Supplemental Amendment of July 28, 2004. In this Office Action, the Examiner stated that because Claims 12, 14-15, 36-37, 39 and 40 were mistakenly designated as "previously presented", the Supplemental Amendment was "non-compliant". Thus, the entire "Amendments to the Claims" has been resubmitted herewith with the proper designations. The changes made to the Claims by the current amendment, including ~~deletions~~ and additions, are shown herein with deletions designated with a strikethrough and additions underlined. No new matter has been added herewith.

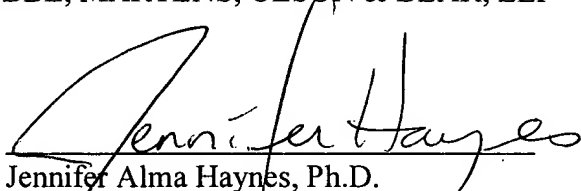
Conclusion

Should there be any questions which can be addressed by telephone, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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